

Remarks

In the final Office Action dated October 7, 2003, the Examiner objected to claim 1 and rejected claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-22 and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, Applicants' representative has amended claims 1, 8, 10-12, 19, 21 and 22, and canceled claims 5 and 16 without prejudice. Support for the amendment to claims 1 and 12 can be found, for example, in Figs. 8-10 and in the specification on page 11, l.14 through page 13, l. 6. Claims 8, 10, 11, 19, 21 and 22 have been amended for consistency. In particular, support for the amendment to claims 8 and 19 can be found, for example, as illustrated on Fig. 5, curves 30 and 34, and 32 and 36, and in the specification on page 9, ll. 19 through page 10, l. 2. As such, no new matter has been added.

With respect to the Examiner's objection and rejections, the Examiner is invited to consider the following remarks.

Claims 1, 8, 10-12, 19, 21 and 22 have been amended to obviate the objection, and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as suggested by the Examiner in the final Office Action dated October 7, 2003 and as discussed in a telephonic interview conducted January 6, 2004. In particular, independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to particularly point out that the claimed invention includes three resonators.

Regarding the claims which depend from the independent claims, Applicants contend that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons that the independent claims are patentable. Moreover, Applicants contend that these claims recite further limitations, in addition to the limitations of the independent claims, which render these claims additionally patentable.

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Consequently, in view of these remarks, Applicants respectfully contend that the rejections have been fully replied to and traversed, and that the application is in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issue. No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this paper. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss prompt resolution of any remaining issues necessary to place this case in condition for allowance.

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